

June 17, 2003

To: Trinity County Planning Department Board
Subject: Trinity River Bridge Project;
Salt Flat Bridge

We live in the community of Salt Flat and would like to express our concerns regarding the planned replacement of our privately owned bridge.

a.

We believe the bridge should remain on private property as the existing bridge is today. Please keep in mind the decision to replace the bridge is the Trinity River Restoration programs was not ours.

Locating the bridge upstream on Bureau of Land Management land opens the door for public access to the west side of the river. However, the Bureau of Land Management has seen fit to fence off our adjoining properties to keep the public out. We can't understand their thoughts on this.

b.

We urge you to place the new bridge in it's current location or as close as possible on private property downstream.

c.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert and Donna Crabbe
Salt Flat

RESPONSE TO COMMENT 32

ROBERT AND DONNA CRABBE

32-a: Thank you for your comment. Please refer to the Response to Comment 3-A.

32-b: The proposed action would place the new Salt Flat Bridge on private land except for small encroachments on public land at each end of the bridge. Please refer to the response to Comment 3-a. No increased public access to Salt Flat would result from this project. The public land on Salt Flat was fenced to establish the boundary line between public and private property and to control potential damage to cultural resources from livestock trespass.

32-c: Thank you for your support of the proposed Salt Flat Bridge location.